pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the anti-corruption drive by the C.B.I. recently led it to register 21 cases against Government officials; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what further action has been taken against such officials ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PRESONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the anti-corruption drive on 27-6-1986, 51 searches were conducted in residential/office premises of 35 Government employees/officers in connection with the investigation of 21 cases registered by the various Branches of C.B.I. The cases relate to allegations of possession of assets disproportionate to the known sources of income, cheating, forgery and criminal misconduct, etc. All the 21 cases are under investigation.

Terrorists threat to Hindus to leave Punjab

18. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whethter Central Government are aware that there is an exodus of Hindu families from Punjab to the adjoining States *viz.* Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the terrorists in Punjab are threatening the Hindus either to leave the State within a specified time or that they would otherwise be killed and are also demanding from them huge amounts of money; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government to such activities of terrorists in Punjab as well as in other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) According to available information about 1250 Hindu families have moved out from certain areas of Punjab due to terrorist activities to the adjoining States upto 14th July, 1986. The Central Government is in constant touch with Government of Punjab in this regard and necessary assistance is being provided to them to check terrorist activities.

Arrests in Tamil Nadu on Spying charges

19. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in Tamil Nadu a large number of persons including foreigners have been arrested on charges of spying during June, 1986;

(b) whether it is a fact that the arrested persons were engaged in espionage activities in collusion with some Sri Lankan nationals; and

(c) if so, what are the particulars of the arrested persons and the steps taken by Government to keep a strict vigil on such anti-national elements?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) According to information available at present, 5 Sri Lankan nationals were arrested under the provisions of the Official Secrets Act read with the Foreigners Act and Passport Act on June 7, 1986 at Madras. The case is still under investigation.

Utmost vigilance is being maintained by all security agencies both at the Centre and in the States to detect, unearth and neutralise and attempt at espionage and other objectionable activities.

Steps for preventing accidents in Nuclear Power Plants

20. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether any steps are proposed to be taken for preventing accidents in the nuclear power plants in India in the